

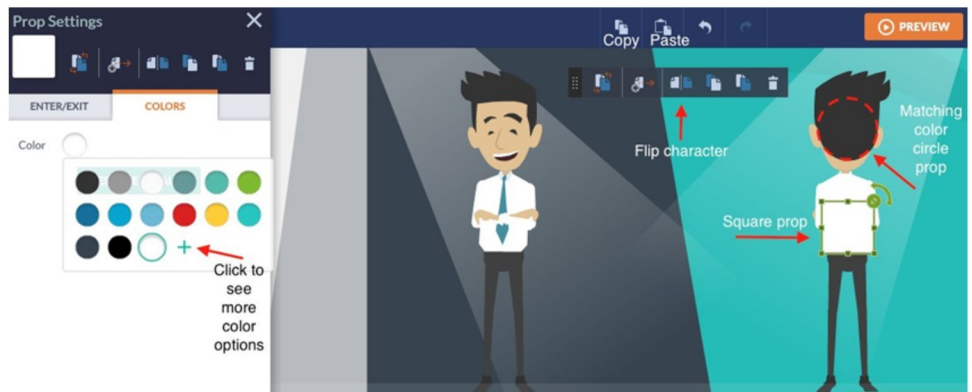
ANIMATION MOVIE MAKERS NEEDED!

This summer is going to be hot, so why not come to the library and cool off in the air condition and enjoy some fun-filled activities. This year's summer reading is not all about the books, there is something for everyone!

First is our Summer Reading Program (SRP). Each year the Huntsville Public Library participates in a program designed to keep teens reading throughout the summer.

The program is centered around the slogan, "Building a Better World".

The SRP begins Monday, June 5 and runs through Friday, July



17.

During this six-week program, teens will read six books and log them on a book bingo-reading log. This is not your ordinary bingo card; each card has a fun task that must be completed before you turn in your log on July 17.

Second, we will be bringing back the GO *Animate* program. This is a six-week course where teens create their own animated movie and present them on the final day of class.

Each teen will do their own voiceover along with providing the sound effects and movement for their animated piece. Ages 11 -17 are encouraged to participate in this program and learn how movies are made and what technology is available to complete the process. Go *Animate* will be on

Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Community Room starting June 7 through July 12.

Registration is recommended and you may register at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or stop by the Tech Reference Desk. For more information, please contact Ashley Newsome, Tech Coordinator at 936-291-5485 or by email at anewsome@huntsvilletx.gov.



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10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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GED Classes Set to Begin in May

A high school diploma is a basic necessity when the time comes for teens to enter the job market. Unhappily, there are instances when students for whatever reason cannot complete the course work or drop out and must find a job; a job that pays minimum wage, if they're lucky. Fortunately a General Equivalency Diploma, or GED, can be earned by successfully completing a series of tests based on the standard high school curriculum. These tests usually take several hours to complete. Contrary to what people may assume, an adult high school diploma and a GED are not the same thing. While a GED may take less time to earn,

it is important to keep in mind that a GED is not recognized by all employers, colleges, and universities as the equivalent of a high school diploma in terms of hiring and admission.

There is a great need in Huntsville for GED classes and the good news is that free classes are starting this month at the Huntsville Public Library. The Saturday classes will be taught by Lone Star College staff. Adult Literacy Coordinator Mary Kokot explains, "Lone Star has set aside one day to hold orientation and testing sessions for all students wishing to attend the classes. Prospective students should plan to spend

Thursday, May 4th at the Library. Be here at 10 a.m. sharp to begin Orientation, and after it ends at 1 p.m. there will be a one-hour break for lunch. The testing session will begin at 2 p.m. and end at 5 p.m."

"So far there has been an excellent response. Enough people have registered to make up one class already," continues Kokot. "Lone Star College officials have told me if at least 10 more people show up on the 4th, there will be a second class created. Class days would be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m."

- Mary Kokot, Adult Service Coordinator

A New Way to Do Summer Reading

This year the Huntsville Public Library will be holding our Annual Summer Reading Program, themed "Build a Better World", a little differently than previous years' programs.

The format of the 2017 program will focus on quality of reading rather than quantity by utilizing a "Book Bingo" challenge. Each participant will use a bingo sheet (separated by age) to complete the program.

During the six-week program from June 5th to July 17th, participants will complete one bingo square per week.

Bingo squares include activities such as reading a book a parent recommends to attending a library program to writing an alternate ending.

Adults, teens, and children are all encouraged to sign up for this program. The Book Bingos will be separated into categories: 0-4 years old, 5-8 years old, 9-12 years old, Teens (13-17), and adults (18+).

At the end of the six weeks, participants can turn in their logs from July 17 to July 21.

Turning in a completed bingo sheet with the activities will earn children and teens a free book, a prize pack with coupons to local restaurants and activities such as the Huntsville Aquatic Center, and a chance to enter our raffle to earn more exclusive



prizes.

The contents of the prize pack vary but participants will be able to choose which raffle prizes they would like to enter to win such as tickets to the Houston Zoo.

"We wanted to change the program to better accommodate parents' busy schedules. In previous years, parents had to bring their families to the library multiple times to complete the program. While we love seeing repeat library visits, we don't want the Summer Reading Program to feel like a chore. We don't want busy families to feel like they can't participate," says Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail.

The library also hopes that by changing the focus of the program to activities such as writing, drawing, or researching, the

children and teens who complete the program will delve into the books instead of just reading for a set number of hours per week.

"One of the squares is to read an award-winning book from the past 50 years since it's the library's 50th anniversary this year. This might take a few minutes of research but we are always excited to help people find what they are looking for," says McPhail.

To jump start the summer, the library will be hosting a Kick-off Party from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3rd.

Attendees can register for the Summer Reading Program and enjoy a presentation by Texas Snakes and more from 1 to 2 p.m. with live reptiles.

If you can't make it to the Kick-off Party, you can still register for the Summer Reading Program online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

After the Kick-off party, the library will host a wide variety of educational and entertaining programs such as live animals, chemical reaction experiments, bird watching programs, teen technology programs, and more!

Check out our website for a full description of each program.

—Rachel McPhail,
Children's Librarian

A Search for Meaning

Years ago, I came upon *Meetings with Remarkable Men* by G.I. Gurdjieff. The work is esoteric and mystical. By today's standard Gurdjieff would be found remiss in his oversight of Remarkable Women. Still, the work has profound messages woven into a tapestry of the search for meaning in one's life. It is reminiscent of the existential writings of Camus and Sartre during and following the Second World War. The Existentialists ask, "In a world rife with skepticism and doubt, pain and suffering, how do we make sense of the chaos that surrounds us?" Viktor Frankl answers the question with his logotherapy. Life is, summarizing Frankl, a "search for meaning".

Now, what does all of this have to do with family history? Good question! Gurdjieff wandered around early twentieth century Eastern Europe, a vagabond seeking out conversations with remarkable men in an attempt to

find wholeness and meaning in his life. He sought to "awaken within himself" and experience fulfilled consciousness. Few of us set out on the mystic's path. Our life journeys are, upon reflection, unique to our experience and provide us wondrous opportunities to learn from others. We have an opportunity to engage in conversation with "ordinary people" whose narratives are so often remarkable in the telling.

I recently met two older men. They are a part of the "Greatest Generation" so aptly described by Tom Brokaw. Both men have reached the age of 98. Both served in Europe in World War II. Both are combat veterans. One fought in the invasion of Italy. The other began his combat service at Normandy, suffered the harshness of the Battle of the Bulge and found himself within fifty miles of Berlin at the war's end. Both of these men are remarkable in their physical

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strength and mental clarity. Their stories have added, in some measure, to my understanding of strength and endurance, fortitude in the face of challenge and "meaning" reaped from conversation with them.

Each generation passes on. As family historians, we are far too often consumed with the collection of dates and events. Births, marriages, occupations, migrations and death are rendered and set to paper. As important as those tasks are in the development of our genealogical record they say little about the character of those who came before us.

The telling of the stories of past generations needs to be told to include the tragedies, the sorrow, the trepidations, the joys and triumphs experienced by those who have preceded us. History is more than facts and data. Family history challenges us to search for meaning.

- Richard Lane, *Genealogy*

Bringing the World of 3D to You!

You might have seen that Huntsville Public Library has a 3D printer and has offered several classes for it, but preparations are now underway to roll out our next phase of 3D to you! There are dozens of inexpensive and even free 3d modeling software available online, and we here at the Library are getting ready to offer online programs to help guide you through some of our favorites. These programs will be held on our website with video tutorials and guides to help get you started building your own amazing creations. Our first program will be over Tinkercad, an online 3D design and printing app that uses basic shapes to create almost anything you can imagine. Tinkercad is the same program the Library has been demonstrating for use with our 3D printer and, from personal experience, is a lot of fun. Using shapes as simple as cubes, cylinders and pyramids, people have built items from jewelry to model airplanes, home decor to toy elephants, and prototypes galore! If you can imagine it, you can build it.

With this program, and a few specific rules, we might even be able to 3d print your creation! For more detailed creations, we'll be showcasing Sculptris by Pixologic, a digital sculpting software ideal for getting started in the field. This software is free, from the same company that makes Zbrush, a commercial sculpting and modeling tool designed for the "Pursuit of Art," according to

their website, a professional tool even more powerful than Sculptris. Starting with a host of tools, Sculptris is both easy to use and versatile, allowing beginners and pros alike to create exceptional designs that look like they could have been sculpted and painted in real life. From a bust of Plato to an alien frog, Sculptris can create amazing models.

Next, we'll be looking at Blender, a much more advanced creation suite, covering everything 3D, from modeling to animation, game creation and so much more. Blender is free to download and has so many tools and so much versatility, it is hard to know just where to start. (You can even modify the program itself to make specialized tools and customize the application!) The range of creations displayed in the showcase on their website has left me stunned, and with its ease of use, Blender is a one stop shop to create models, paint and texture them, then animate and even make games with your creations, covering the "entirety of the 3d pipeline" as they advertise on their website. And that's just the beginning. These programs and many more diverse opportunities, such as photo editing, animation and even computer programming, will be available with our upcoming online series this fall. Keep an eye on our website, myhuntsvillelibrary.com for more details.

—Peirs Anderson, IT Services

Listing of Events

Find this information online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com

May Closures:

The Huntsville Public Library will close at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11. We will reopen at 10 a.m. Friday, May 12.

The Huntsville Public Library will be closed on Saturday, May 27th and will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 30th.

May Events:

Do you have children ages 2 or under? Then Mother Goose Lapsit is a story time designed for you! Held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., enjoy a half hour of developmentally appropriate play featuring stories, songs, and rhymes. This program introduces little ones to the story time experience and is perfect for their language development and developing vocabulary. Sign-up is not required.

Come to Story Time – a fun early literacy program for kids 5 and under. Join us for interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts. The early literacy practices featured each week help build the foundation for a lifelong love of reading and learning. For parents and caregivers, story time offers an opportunity to experience early literacy practices in action, discover great books and resources for home use, and socialize with other parents after Story time. Wednesday and Friday sessions share a theme with something new each week. Sign-up is not required. Story times are held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m.

Texas 42 – a dominoes game similar in style to bridge and spades is now at the Huntsville Public Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays in May. Studies show playing dominoes can be beneficial for the mind as attention to detail and strategy are essential to play. So come to the Community Room each week and strategize your winning moves. We'll supply the dominoes and refreshments. Please register in advance at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary at 936-291-5471 for more information. Games will be played weekly if 8 or more players register. This program is for adults 18 years and older.

The Huntsville Public Library will host free GED classes from noon to 4 p.m. each Saturday in May and June. The classes will be taught by Lone Star College staff. Students are required to attend Orientation (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Testing (2 to 5 p.m.) on Thursday, May 4 in order to enroll. Students 19 years and older should bring with them a valid government-issued photo ID. Students 18 years of age, in addition to the ID, need a self-consent form, a parental consent form, and a withdrawal form from their previous institution. Class dates are: May 6, 13, 20 and June 3, 10, 17, and 24. The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 27. Visit the library's website www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com to register or call Mary at 936-291-5471 for more information.

It's Odds 'n' Ends day at the Huntsville Public Library! Come make something at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 4th for Elementary Craft Day at the Huntsville Public Library for ages 5 to 12. Sign-up is not required. Craft choices include: frogs, bird nests, lady bugs, and flower pots. Supplies are limited.

Is your child a fan of comic books? Comic Book Club will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6th at the Huntsville Public Library for ages 17 and under. Enjoy games, crafts, raffles, and a speaker from the world of Comic Books. Bring a comic book to trade with. This program is sponsored by Annette Tubbs and the Comic Book Stop and Trade group.

The Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series on Thursday, May 25th begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the lecture to follow at noon. Dr. Caroline Crimm, retired Professor Emeritus of History at SHSU, will speak this month about "Cinco de Mayo." As a Latina/Hispanic immigrant herself, her empowering speeches entertain and challenge her audiences to overcome obstacles and find success through hard work and education. Her own experiences have given her an infectious, positive message that she shares with audiences of all ages. Since her retirement from SHSU, Dr. Crimm has begun speaking nation-wide to corporations, teachers' groups, university students, and historic associations. The lecture series is planned for the fourth Thursday of each month. Beverages will be provided. Attendees may bring a brown bag lunch. Admission is free. Please call 936-291-5471 for additional information. No registration required.

An elephant, giraffe, and a hippo walk into the library... On Wednesday, May 31st, the Huntsville Public Library will be hosting a Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Drop off one stuffed animal at the Library. Watch our Facebook page to see what shenanigans they get into after the library closes. Pick up your stuffed animals on Thursday, June 1st. This program is for ages 17 and under.

Walker County Genealogical Society will meet May 20, 2017 for their Saturday regular Society meeting and annual Society Picnic at 11 a.m. in the Community Room of the Huntsville Public Library. The program will be "State of the Society" with Speaker Helen Park, followed by covered dish luncheon.

The Huntsville Public Library is offering free social media classes. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm starting May 2nd through May 30th in the computer lab. These classes will feature how to sign up for social media sites and how to use them: May 2 Facebook; May 9 Twitter; May 16 YouTube; May 23 LinkedIn. Class size is limited so you must be registered to take the class. You can register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or at the Tech Reference Desk. This program is for adults 18 and older. For more information, feel free to stop by the library or call Peirs Anderson at 936-291-5485.